

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0040] with the following replacement paragraph:

[0040] Different concentrations of taurolidine were homogenously suspended in the two components of the fibrin sealant. The two components were then mixed in wells of a 24-multiwell plate to prepare matrixes with identical total volumes of 400 μ l per well containing final taurolidine concentrations of 10, 20, 40 and 80 mg/ml. The resulting thickness of the matrix was 2 mm \pm 0.4 mm. In addition, matrices with volumes of 400 μ l and 800 μ l containing 10 mg/ml or 40 mg/ml of taurolidine were prepared to investigate the effect of matrix size on taurolidine release. The 800- μ l matrix had a thickness of 4mm \pm 0.3 mm. Matrices of identical volume and thickness without taurolidine served as controls. Supernatants of 400 μ l phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) were added to each well after solidification. The multiwell plates were incubated at 37°C. The ~~superatants~~ supernatants were pipetted off at 24-hour intervals over a period of 7 days and replaced by identical amounts of fresh PBS.